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Title	:	Accelerator Pedal Module and Full Load Indicator for Said Accelerator Pedal Module		

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	AA	US- 5,812,050	A	09-22-1998	Figgins	
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	AC	CH 335 458		12-31-1958	Auto Union GmbH	
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	AE	EP 0 748 713 A2		12-18-1996	Hella KG Hueck & Co.	
	AF	EP 1 098 237 A1		05-09-2001	CTS Corporation	
	AG	EP 1 078 802 A2		02-28-2001	Teleflex Incorporated	
	AH	DE 101 21 317 A1		11-07-2002	Volkswagen AG	
	AI	EP 0 849 108 A2		06-24-1998	Philips Electronics N.V.	Corresponds to AA above
	AJ	DE 44 22 232 A1		01-04-1996	Robert Bosch GmbH	
	AK	DE 198 48 091 A1		04-20-2000	Mannesmann VDO AG	
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